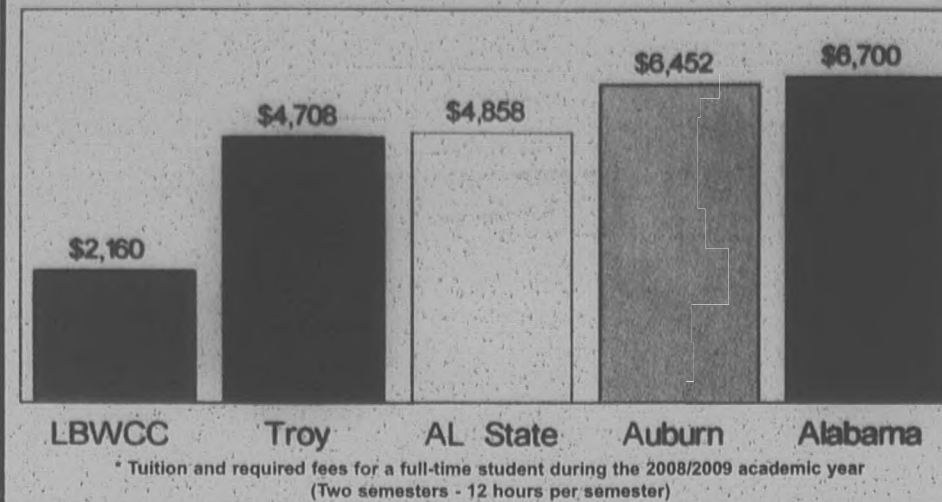


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Brundidge Historical Society receives 2008 Governor's Tourism Award for play

The Brundidge Historical Society receives the 2008 Governor's Tourism Award for its original folklife play "Come Home, It's Supper Time." Tourism leaders throughout the state along with Governor Riley and First Lady Patsy Riley will be present for the black-tie event that honors the best in Alabama tourism in 13 categories.

In April of this year, the play celebrated its 100th performance and it has played to more than 15,000 guests from Alabama, eight other states and several other countries. The play has brought positive recognition to Brundidge and supports the city's Antique City theme. It also provides opportunities for people of all ages and all walks of life to participate in the performing arts.

The play is performed in the We Piddle Around Theatre on Main Street in Brundidge. It focuses on characters telling their stories about life in the South during the days of the Great Depression. The characters share their stories with a mixture of humor and music while guests enjoy a country dinner.

Criteria for the Alabama Governor's Tourism Award include special contributions to tourism not covered by any other award, enhancement of local, regional or state image as a tourism destination. It may also include deeds of generosity, hospitality and/or volunteerism that benefit tourism.

Lawrence Bowden, Brundidge Historical Society president, is scheduled to accept the award.

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Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard if re-elected this month. "My experience in life is just like everyone else's in our city. You may lose one or two but if people see that you are sincere and committed they will support you and a win is around the corner," Hooks said. "I want to keep District 1 involved and interested in making the city the best. If voters support that idea I ask for their vote and support on August 26."

Hooks, one of the original founders of the Bro's Club, a civic organization of men who have been involved with community outreach in the Mulberry Heights Community for almost 20 years, counts the club's support of young people

and senior citizens as a reason for serving in public office. He is also a member of Rocky Head Baptist Church, the Prince Hall Masons and the Elba Athletic Club. Councilmember Hooks and his wife, Linda, have two children, Cordeisha of Elba High School, and Cordel, who is an incoming freshman at Troy University.

Elba Elementary School Menu
August 2008

BREAKFAST

Monday - Pop Tart, Ham, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - French Toast Sticks, w/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit w/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Taco Salad, Mexican Corn, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Steak Sandwich, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Sliced Pears, Milk
Wednesday - Ground Beef & Noodles, Green Beans, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Milk
Thursday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California Vegetables, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk
Friday - Grilled Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, Banana, Milk

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Carson Dobbs celebrates first birthday



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ZC cheerleaders win honors at cheer camp



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Kinston Bulldogs prepare for preseason game



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During Elba BOE meeting

Board members receive review of financial status

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

During last Tuesday evening's meeting, the Elba City School Board heard Superintendent Danny Weeks say it was a wonderful start to the new school year earlier this month. He commended the high school band for coming in early to play for the assembled teachers on their first day.

Weeks told board members the state office has approved using unspent capital improvement for general operations during the upcoming fiscal year (beginning Oct. 1). The school system will also be able to carry over any unspent state funds at the end of this fiscal year.

Usually those funds must be spent or returned to Montgomery.

"It will be an extremely tough year financially," Weeks said several times during the August 12th meeting.

The School Board members heard a short review of the schools' financial status and how various expenses are funded as they prepare to hammer out a budget for the coming year. This will be done knowing state funds are expected to be short in the existing slow economy and with Elba facing a dropping student enrollment.

Lisa Rials presented each board member with charts showing the number of teachers and other school staff members.

Totalling the various categories of paid staff in the Elba School system shows 118.5 employees for fiscal year 2009, down from 123.5 in 2008. Total salary and benefits are \$6,565,805 for 2009, which is \$359,526 lower than in 2008.

Each of Rials' charts lists the number of teachers the teacher group this year and next year. It also lists the total salaries and the benefits of the group for each of those years. Rials noted that 85 percent of the school system's budget is allocated to salaries and benefits.

Another sheet identifies the federally funded units for each of the two years.

For fiscal year 2009, Elba

will have \$2.58 state funded units (both teachers and support staff). That is up some from the 2008 year. These salaries and benefits will cost a total of \$4,889,335, which is also up from 2008.

Federally funded units (all staff) are down for the coming fiscal year from 28.05 to an even 25. The cost of these salaries and benefits will drop about \$157,000 to \$1,000,470. This includes special federal programs as well as lunchroom workers in each school, office staff and aides.

Rials said locally funded units will drop from 15.76 to 10.92 and the salary/benefit total will drop from \$936,572 to \$676,000. Local funds are county and city property taxes.

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With another year of school underway

Motorists urged to watch for school buses

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

According to the Alabama State Department of Education 373,982 students are transported by bus daily, and Wesley DeVane, transportation supervisor for Elba City Schools, says safety is the most important aspect of transporting students to and from Elba City Schools.

"One of the most current issues to arise surrounding school bus safety is the possibility of implementing seatbelts in the buses," said DeVane. "A committee has been formed in the State of Alabama to conduct research on the topic and to see if that is the proper route to follow."

DeVane said motorists should be aware that the Alabama School Bus Stop Law, enacted in October 2006 is still in effect. The law states that "the driver of a vehicle upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children on a highway, a roadway, on school



This property (shown above) was recognized for years by local citizens as being a part of Dorsey Trailers and often referred to as "the hill." As part of the bankruptcy court settlement last year for Dorsey Trailers, the Elba Water & Electric Board acquired the 40-acre property. Earlier this week, Elba Mayor James Grimes announced that all the papers have been approved and signed completing the transfer of 10 acres of the property (and existing buildings) to Nasco Equipment Company of Elba to accommodate a proposed expansion of the local business. The company expects to add an additional 18 employees over the next 36 months.

Industrial land transfer agreement with city officials allows local company to move forward with proposed expansion

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba Mayor James Grimes announced Tuesday, Aug. 19, that all the papers have been approved and signed completing the transfer of industrial land to Nasco Equipment Company for their proposed expansion. The company plans to move its entire operation to this new site.

Grimes said it was a coordinated effort with members of Elba City Council, Water & Electric Board and the Elba Industrial Development Authority.

Nasco was deeded 10 acres of land (and the existing buildings) that was once Dorsey Trailers' "hill" site. The property is bordered on the north by U.S. Highway 84 West and on the west by Industrial Boulevard (Hickman Moving & Storage street).

The Elba Water & Electric Board acquired the 40 acres of former Dorsey property as part of the bankruptcy court settlement last year.

According to the mayor, the company has plans to invest some \$900,000 in expansion and improvement of the buildings. The action will open the door for 18 additional employees over the next 36 months. This expanded work force will increase monthly payroll from \$50,000 to \$56,000 per month. Average wages will be above the \$8.50 range.

As part of the agreement, Nasco will submit regular status reports to the three municipal groups (city, W&E, Ind Dev) for the next three years, showing they are on schedule with the promised expansion.

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property, or upon a private road shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop before reaching the school bus."

DeVane said statistics reveal that 70 percent of illegal passings occurred on two-lane roads.

According to the law, the first offense is punishable with a \$150-\$300 fine. The second offense will be punishable with a \$300-\$500 fine, 100 hours community service, and a 30-day driver license suspension.

A third offense will be punishable with a \$500-\$1,000 fine, 200 hours of community service, and a 90-day driver license suspension. A fourth offense is

considered a Class "C" felony and is punishable with a \$1,000-\$3,000 fine and a 1-year driver license suspension.

"Our drivers will continue to take down tag numbers of violators and pass them along to law enforcement officials," said

Elba Elementary School receives grant for character program

Sprint recently announced the recipients for the Sprint Ahead for Education grant program.

Sprint Ahead for Education is a brand-new program that supports innovative character-education initiatives through funding of K-12 public schools and school districts. A total of

19 school districts received up to \$25,000 in grant funds, and 45 public schools received funding up to \$5,000. In total, the Sprint Foundation awarded more than \$607,000 in grant funding for this program.

Out of nearly 1,200 applicants Elba Elementary School was selected as a 2008 Sprint Ahead for Education grant recipient. The school received a \$1,900 Sprint Ahead for Education grant for its "Tigers With Character" program.

This program will reward students for demonstrating in word or deed the Six Pillars of Character as outlined in the Character Counts' framework.

When students have demonstrated an act of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship the student will be admitted to the "Tigers with Character" club and will be rewarded for their accomplishments. The program is designed to decrease student discipline problems and increase the time spent on instruction in each classroom.

"Even as adults we must work on our character each day," said Lynn Baker, program

developer and elementary counselor. "We want our students to focus on building good character and to be rewarded for their hard work. When you reward positive behavior in students, negative behavior should decrease. That is the idea behind this new initiative. That is why I wrote this grant."

"We are thankful to Sprint for believing in our program. We look forward to fully implementing the program and seeing positive results among our student population," said Elba Elementary School principal, Lakisha Breckins.

Mr. Danny Weeks, school superintendent, is also excited about the "Tigers with Character" program.

"Character education is more important today than ever before," he said. "This money will go a long way in helping to strengthen our existing character education curriculum."

A full list of schools and school districts that received Sprint Ahead for Education grant funding is available at <http://www.sprint.com/charactereducation/sprintaheadandex.html>

REMINDER

Tuesday, Aug. 26, is election day for local municipalities. Offices of mayor and city council are up for election on Tuesday. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE invites citizens to a lecture concerning the development of forestry biomass as alternative fuel. The lecture will be held on Thursday (TODAY), Aug. 21, at the Enterprise Civic Center. Registration will begin at 5:30 followed by a meal. The program will begin at 6:30. Any person who would like to attend should call the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 334/894-5581 x3 and advise of the number planning to attend.

THE TOWN OF KINSTON will hold a Candidates Forum on Thursday, Aug. 21 (Tonight), at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at city hall.

DEDICATION OF THE MARKER engraved with names of title sponsors will be Sunday, Aug. 24, at 2 p.m., at Elba's Tiger-Town Park/Playground. Also, there will be an announcement of two grants awarded to complete the park, including restrooms, a pavilion and amphitheater. A special invitation is extended to children to be present to release balloons after the dedication ceremony.

PREPARING FOR THE ELECTION...City of Elba employee Herby McCall is shown testing voting machines earlier this week. The machines will be used in Tuesday's (Aug. 26) municipal election in Elba. Voters in Elba will be asked to cast a ballot in the races of Mayor and City Council representative for Districts One, Two and Three. In Elba, voters will report to the Elba Recreation Center to cast their vote. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on election day. A sample ballot for Tuesday's election can be found on Page 9 of today's paper.

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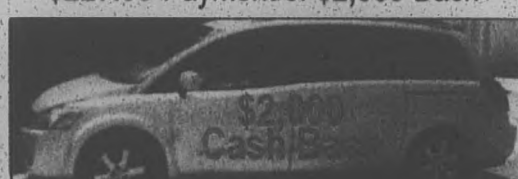
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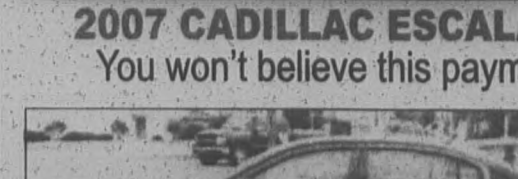
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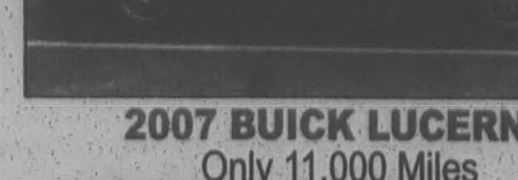
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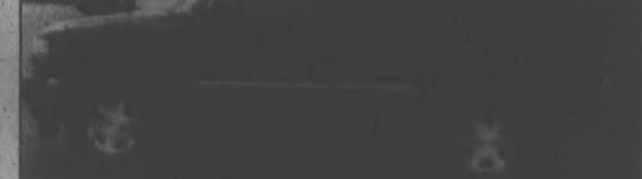
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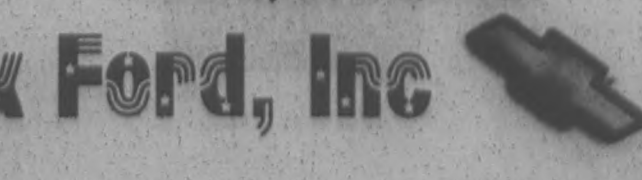
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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Every time we hear economic news on the tube or read it in the newspapers, there is usually some reference to the housing market being down, down, down. Sometimes there are indications of drops of as much as 50% in value. However that is not the case in Coffee County. We received our new tax appraisal cards some time back and alas . . . our property values are up again. It is doubtful a loan officer will agree to loan additional money on an already high home loan and real estate agents would laugh out loud at a suggestion of raising the asking price of homes for sale in Coffee County.

Our heart skipped a beat Tuesday morning when the internet news sites carried headlines about the Spanish female swimmers having their swim suits disqualified by Olympic officials. Our mind raced at the thought of outfits smaller than those already being worn by Olympic gymnasts, volleyball players, etc. Alas, my mind was in the gutter, because the girls only had their new uniforms adorned with blinking lights and this is what caused frowns on the faces of and head shaking by the officials. They will swim with sequins on their suits, but no blinking lights.

Tropical storm Fay was headed our way but had a change of heart. It didn't become a real dangerous storm, didn't rip up the whole state of Florida and at press time Tuesday it was turning back out to the Atlantic Ocean. There has been some damage, but nothing like it could have been. Yet ever cautious storm watchers are warning that it could still become a hurricane in the Atlantic and come back on land, into the Gulf of Mexico and maybe even hit us in Alabama. While those are fringe possibilities, it could happen so don't pitch your tent at the lake this weekend.

Municipal elections are next Tuesday in most of Alabama. Elba, Enterprise, New Brockton and Kinston all have challenged seats. New Brockton and Kinston will each be electing a new mayor, as the incumbents have opted not to seek another term in that office. Enterprise mayor and Elba native Kenneth Boswell has no opponent. In Elba there is a mayor's race and three council seats on the ballot. We urge citizens in each of these communities to be sure and cast their vote in these important races.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 11, 2008, investigated the following incidents: two for criminal mischief, three for harassment, two for domestic violence, one for vehicle damage, three for theft of property, one for violation of the leash law, one for an escape, one for identity theft, one for unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, one for cruelty to animals, one for assault and one for trespassing.

The following arrests were made: three for failure to appear, one for theft of property and one for probation revocation.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for not using a child restraint, one for an expired tag, eight for not wearing a seat belt, one for a revoked driver's license, one for speeding, one for a suspended driver's license and one for reckless driving.

Daily activity highlights were as follows: MONDAY, AUGUST 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 618 Mullins (9:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 167 and County Rd. 119 (11:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 745 Lee St. (3:36 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 308 Calhoun St. (4:14 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 - Minor two-vehicle wreck reported at the Elba High School band room (8:18 p.m.); Promoter reported at 14305 Hwy. 84 (9:53 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9214 Hwy. 125 N (7:12 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 123 Riverview (12:32 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 883 Cedar Lane Dr. (2:49 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1662 County Rd. 415 (3:47 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 130 County Rd. 407 (9:30 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2203 Hwy. 134 (12:29 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 130 County Rd. 407 (10:08 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 989 County Rd. 400 (4:08 a.m.); One-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 (11:43 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Jones Circle (1:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 125 in the Victoria area (5:12 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire behind 150 Buford St. (12:33 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck (vehicle vs. motorcycle) on Hwy. 125 at County Rd. 224 (7:30 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 125 (7:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1535 N. Claxton Ave. (9:04 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 - Disturbance (noise) reported at 716 Simmons St. (1:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 220 County Rd. 401 (11:10 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson (8:22 p.m.).

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• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Thursday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more info.

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Call FREE - 1-800-772-1213 or visit the website at www.ssa.gov.

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall.

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 9 a.m. - City Hall.

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• GREY SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett - Chairwoman.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center.

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office following 2nd Monday - 9 a.m. - City Hall.

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Hwy. Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School.

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex, 9th & 5th.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 2nd Wed. Noon - Po. Polks, Enterprise.

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 3rd Thursday at 3 PM, the FBO office at the Airport.

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library.

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U.S. Military academies applications due Oct. 17

FROM THE HOUSE
by Congressman Terry Everett

For the last 15 years, I have accepted appointments from high school students in southeast Alabama for appointments to the four United States military academies.

Since my service in Congress last year, I am announcing that I am setting an early deadline of October 17, 2008 to receive applications. This advanced deadline is necessary to ensure that all applications are processed before my term of office expires.

The four military academies provide a level of education and preparation for life that are without equal and thus appointments to these institutions are highly coveted and very competitive. As a member of Congress, I am allowed to nominate a fixed number of young people from southeast Alabama each year to the service academies. As we head into fall, I am now seeking applications from eligible Alabama young men and women who will be high school seniors during the 2008/2009 school year.

The U.S. military academies desire a broad geographical distribution of cadets and mid-

shipmen. This is achieved through the congressional nomination and appointment process, which assigns a certain number of vacancies at each academy to every congressional district.

The process of applying to the military academies begins in high school, in the spring of the junior year or the fall of the senior year. At that time, students may contact my congressional office, expressing interest in the United States Military Academy at West Point, The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. Often, many young people have not made a final choice among academies, so they apply simultaneously to all four. (The Coast Guard Academy does not fall under these guidelines, so candidates apply directly to that academy.)

Academy rules require that I only consider legal residents of the Second Congressional District of Alabama. Those who live outside the Second District should contact their own congressman. Candidates are also eligible to apply to their two U.S. Senators for a nomination and must follow their particular guidelines for application. Those who have a parent who is active military are also eligible to apply to the President's and Vice President's office for a nomination.

When I receive a candidate's letter, I respond with application materials describing my office's guidelines, as well as information cards to be filled out and returned to each desired academy. From then until my deadline of October 17, 2008 the young person must submit all required information, i.e. grades, letters of recommendation, test scores and a biography. Simultaneously, they must also send each academy its own required application materials.

After my files are closed, I review the applications and nominate the candidates I will select. I consider grades, school activities, physical aptitude, and ACT & SAT scores in making my selections. I then submit a slate of up to ten

nominees per vacancy at each academy. It is important to note that the nomination is only the first step towards entrance to an academy. Once a candidate is nominated, his or her name is then submitted to an academy for consideration for an appointment.

Only after a candidate receives an appointment from an academy does he or she become part of the entering class.

Upcoming Meeting: The Southeast Alabama Beeskeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 4th of Sept. 2008 at 7 P.M. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information call Al Liepins at 334-566-7340 or Jerry Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

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LIFESTYLES

Coleman Family Reunion to be held August 30 & 31

"The descendants of the late Hannah Lee-Coleman will host a family reunion on 30th and 31st August 30th and 31st, 2008 at the Elba Recreation Center. Family members and friends of the family are encouraged to attend this event. Contact Jennifer Garrison at (334) 577-4489 or by email at jenesis23@hotmail.com" with any questions.



Miss Tharpe & Mr. Rader

Tharpe-Rader wedding will be on Saturday, August 23

Bobby Joe and Charlene Tharpe of Elba are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Michelle Tharpe to William "Bill" Robert Rader.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Robert E. Ellis, Sr. and Bertha Ellis of Elba, and the late Edward Olin Tharpe and Annie Lorene Tharpe of Ozark. She is currently employed as an educator in Troy.

The wedding will take place Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Coffee County Road 223, New Brockton, Ala.

Miss Pea River Valley Beauty Pageant and Miss Photogenic Competition set for August 23

Miss Pea River Valley Beauty Pageant and Miss Photogenic Competition will be held at the Elba High School auditorium on Saturday night August 23rd at 6:30pm. It will be held for girls grade K-12.

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NEW ARRIVAL

MARY BELLE BLANTON



Mary Belle Blanton

Shane and Krysti Blanton of Marietta, Georgia proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Belle Blanton. She was born July 17, 2008 at Northside Hospital in Atlanta. She weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Mrs. Merlene Owens and the late Mr. Billy Paul Owens and Dr. and Mrs. Billy R. Farris, all of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Blanton of Cullman, Alabama. Mary Belle's great-grandmothers are Mrs. Anna Mae Crow of Hartsville, Alabama and Mrs. Bonnie Jean Blanton of Cullman, Alabama.

Lighthouse Holiness Church to hold revival services August 25-29

Lighthouse Holiness Church is located at 1562 Mission School Rd., Ozark, Ala. For more information call Pastor William Parr at 334-774-0688.

The guest evangelist will be Bro. Kenneth Montgomery of DeFuniak Springs, Fla. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

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Miss Lacy Jane Carlile & Mr. Terry Lavaughn Ward, Jr. to wed Saturday, August 23

Final arrangements are being made for the Carlile-Ward wedding that will be held Saturday, August 23, 2008 at the home of Rickey and Debbie Carlile. The wedding is planned for 6:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Undiagnosed vision problems severely affect students' ability to learn

Millions of children will start school this year with a vision problem that may inhibit their ability to learn and ultimately affect the rest of their lives. As parents send their children back to school, one of the most important things they can do to help ensure their child's ability to learn is to take them for an eye exam. The American Optometric Association (AOA) recommends comprehensive eye exams especially for children entering preschool and kindergarten.

Proper vision detection and correction in young children may affect much more than their ability to see clearly. Without a comprehensive eye exam by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist, many children have vision problems that can go undiagnosed, and may even be misdiagnosed as a learning disorder.

An early comprehensive eye exam evaluates a child's vision, eye teaming skills and tracking skills as well as eye health. It's a good way to avoid problems down the road," said Dr. Mitch Purvis.

Children entering preschool or kindergarten benefit the most from comprehensive eye exams though they rarely receive them early enough. Currently, only 14 percent of children under age six have received a comprehensive eye exam according to the U.S. Center for Health Statistics. Vision impairments in children of this age can be detected through an eye exam and are typically easy to correct immediately afterwards.

An eye exam will help correct common vision problems, such as nearsightedness and farsightedness as well as more serious conditions such as amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye. Amblyopia affects about 5 percent of children nationwide. The condition is completely treatable and preventable if detected within the first few years of life. The lack of early eye care has al-

lowed amblyopia to escape detection, and it remains the leading cause of blindness in Americans under 40.

"Children may not recognize that they have a vision problem," said Dr. Purvis, "particularly children who are too young to know the alphabet or even to speak. However, there are proven methods for full eye exams on young children that can be done efficiently and effectively."

The back-to-school season is an ideal time for parents to take their child to an eye doctor for a comprehensive exam, particularly since much of what children learn is obtained through the eyes.



Carson Dobbs

Carson Dobbs is one year old

Carson Dobbs celebrated his 1st birthday on July 20, 2008. He celebrated with a party with the "Construction Pals" theme. Family and friends helped him enjoy his special day.

His parents are Matthew and Amanda Dobbs of Elba. His grandparents are James and Danette Hattaway and Robert and Sue Dobbs, all of Elba.

Alabama families digging a little deeper for spuds

As Alabama families face higher food prices stemming from soaring fuel costs, supply shortages have forced shoppers to dig a little deeper for one traditionally low-cost staple - potatoes. According to the Alabama Farmers Federation's monthly food price survey, red potatoes were up 14 cents a pound this month, an average increase of 23 cents in the overall cost of 20 basic market basket items. Shoppers collected by volunteer surveys around the state Aug. 10-11 showed the market basket averaged \$52.86, up six-tenths of 1 percent from July.

Experts blame record-high temperatures in the Pacific Northwest during August of last year for the rise in potato prices. August is the final growing month for Western spuds, and during that month, a potato can gain as much as 50 percent of its weight. High temperatures stunted growth and led to low supplies, which are just now being felt by consumers. Although harvest will begin shortly for this year's crop, prices could remain high because of a 7.9 percent reduction in planted acres this year. At Alabama supermarkets, red potatoes averaged 90 cents a pound this month, compared to 76 cents in July.

Meanwhile, tomato prices fell 9 cents in August to \$1.60 a pound, and lettuce and sweet potatoes were up 2 cents each to \$1.42 a head, and 92 cents a pound, respectively.

At the meat counter, prices were mixed with shoppers enjoying savings on Boston butts, T-bone steaks and whole fryers. Boston butts averaged \$1.75 a pound, down 6 cents, while pork chops were up 6 cents to

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ECCC counselor Felicia Ford and Don Rhoades

Orientation held for new students at ECCC

New students planning to attend Enterprise-Ozark Community College in the upcoming fall semester recently participated in an orientation session at the Enterprise Campus. Pictured are ECCC counselor Felicia Ford assisting Don Rhoades of Elba in selecting courses for the fall session. During orientation students find out about financial aid and student support services; they plan and register for fall classes, and they take a tour of the campus. Fall semester will begin August 22. For more information about being admitted to the College, registering for classes, or orientation sessions, go online at www.eccc.edu or call (334) 347-2623.

Troy University announces honor students for summer semester

Troy University has announced its honor students for summer semester, according to Dr. Ed Roach, Senior Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. Full-time undergraduate students who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the summer semester are recognized on the Chancellor's List, the university's to honor roll. Full-time undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.65 or higher on a 4.0 scale are recognized on the Provost's List. Troy University offers associate, bachelor's, master's and education specialist degrees, preparing students in the fields of fine arts, communication, business, education, sciences and the humanities.

Chancellor's List and Provost's List for students from Coffee County:

Catherine Fuller, Hali Gibson, Stefanie Parker, Amy Pietras, Aileen Sizemore, Angela Davis, Lindsay Leverett, Emily Roberts

Provost's list: James Lindsey, Kalandria Sanders, Rosemary Spivey, Kevin Tolbert, Shannon Webster, Chase Williams.

Booth vendor applications being taken for annual Jack Day Festival

Booth vendor applications are now being accepted for the fifth annual Jack Day Festival. Jack Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the campus of Zion Chapel High School. Arts and crafts vendors, as well as food vendors are welcome to attend. All proceeds from the Jack Day Festival will benefit Zion Chapel Schools and the Jack Community. Jack Day is sponsored by Altrusa International Inc. of Jack, Ala.

Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District to meet August 21st

The Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District will meet Thursday, August 21, at the Promenade Room of the Enterprise Civic Center, 711 West Crawford Street, Enterprise, Alabama, at 5:00 PM. Routine business and conservation programs will be discussed.

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Whitewater Baptist Church will hold revival services August 25-27

Whitewater Baptist Church, 4301 Highway 125, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly, 25-27 August. Rev. Buddy Hood, pastor, Pilgrim information, call 897-2452.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church plans gospel singing for Saturday, August 23

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a gospel singing with the "Soldiers For The Cross" on Saturday, August 23, 2008 starting at 6:00 PM. The church is located on Coffee County Road 114 about one mile past Wayne Farms (South end). For more info call 334/347-0569 or 334/894-5021.



Elba Elementary School Menu

August 25-29, 2008

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Bun, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Nachos, Corn on Cob, Black-eye Peas, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles w/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Sandwich, New Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Sliced Peas, Milk
Wednesday - Cinnamon Toast, Ham, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit w/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hoagie, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Applesauce Cake, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Lasagna, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk

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SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 20:1-30

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Rev. Eugene English, Randolph Caldwell, Naomi Smith, Rev. Henry Shy Jr., Rev. Joyce B. Johnson, James Long

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Isaac Nelson - August 18, Stanley Jones - August 19, Ronnie Hammonds - August 19, Mert Mincey - August 20 (In Memory Of), J.L. Williams - August 20, Chastity Williams - August 21, Thom D. Underwood - August 23 (In Memory Of), Angela Coon - August 24

HOME COMING AND RE- VIVAL SERVICES will be held at Good Hope Baptist Church, Luverne, Ala. on August 24-27, 2008. Homecoming service will be held Sunday, August 24 at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. J.D. Hillsman, pastor of Old Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Ozark, Ala.

Revival services will be held Monday, August 25, 2008 through Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Brundidge, Ala. (Tantum Community).

There is a good day! Be grateful.

Gas prices cause rewrite of LBWCC fall class schedule

LBW Community College (LBWCC) is committed to affordability, access, and being the best bargain in higher education, yet high gasoline prices have become a serious burden for many students. In order to ease students' commuting costs, LBWCC has realigned the class schedule so many students have the option of attending classes two days a week on a Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday format.

The Alabama Community College System (ACCS) recently gave LBWCC the option of adopting the four-day week in light of transportation costs. ACCS Chancellor Bradley Byrne encouraged the four-day schedule in order to help commuting students and those working full-time jobs.

"It's a pretty major factor for them, so we're trying to make it as easy as we can," he said.

"Savings from realigning schedules go beyond the gas tank," Wayne Bennett, LBWCC Acting President said.

"For instance, students' with children in day care can save on that expense because they're on campus fewer days."

Additionally, LBWCC has a variety of distance education courses. Various formats including on-line, hybrid, or telecourse, involve a reduction in travel to campus.

In an effort to reduce College utility costs, LBWCC offices classes will be open extended hours on Monday-Thursday and all campuses will close at noon on Fridays, beginning August 25, 2008.

Full registration will be held on August 19, 2008 in Greenville and Opp and August 20, 2008 in Andalusia and Luverne. Classes begin August 21, 2008.

Deadline for Church News is Monday!!!

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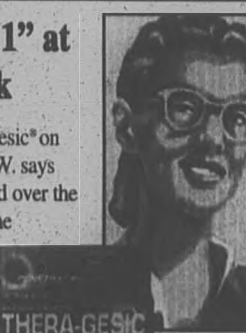
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DURWOOD J. GRIMES, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO. PC-08-049

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Bryan Grimes and Elaine G. Hudson, as co-Executors of the Estate of Durwood J. Grimes, deceased, on the 12th day of August, 2008, by the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Bryan Grimes, Personal Representative

/s/ Elaine G. Hudson, Personal Representative

8/14, 21, 28, 29.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE MATTER OF PETER CASH, A missing person.

CASE NO: PC-2008-056

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Peter Cash, whereabouts unknown:
On August 14th, 2008 Mary Bernice Cash filed for Petition for Conservatorship in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba Division Alabama.
A hearing has been set on said Petition for the 9th day of September 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama.
This is the 14th day of September 2008.

/s/ William O. Gammill, Probate Judge

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COMMUNITY NEWS

National Security Group, Inc. Releases Second Quarter Earnings

Results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, were reported today as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30		Six Months Ended June 30	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Premium Income	\$ 13,968,000	\$ 14,892,000	\$ 30,554,000	\$ 30,449,000
Investment Income	1,241,000	1,200,000	2,562,000	2,413,000
Realized Investment Gains	82,000	327,000	148,000	533,000
Other Income	352,000	258,000	673,000	559,000
Total Revenues	\$ 15,643,000	\$ 16,677,000	\$ 33,937,000	\$ 33,954,000
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ (36)	\$ 340,000	\$ 746,000	\$ 1,664,000
Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations		1,460,000		1,319,000
Net Income	\$ (36)	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 746,000	\$ 2,983,000
Earnings Per Share from Continuing Operations	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.67
Earnings (Loss) Per Share from Discontinued Operations		0.59		0.54
Net Earnings Per Common Share	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.30	\$ 1.21

Healthy cooking seminar to be held at Enterprise-Ozark Community College

The Enterprise campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College will be hosting a healthy cooking seminar titled "Meal Preparation for Health Promotion: Basic Components of a Successful Busy Meal System."

The seminar will be held on August 28, 2008. The purpose of this seminar is to provide strategies and techniques of meal-planning and preparation for quick, easy dinners every night. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to plan and cook meals ahead of time, prepare a month's worth of family-pleasing, quick-prep dinners loaded with nutrients in one day (food demonstration available).

All health care workers will benefit from this seminar. Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Registered Dietitians, and Nurses will receive 6.0 contact hours of continuing education credit. Classes will be held in the Multi-purpose room located in the Lurleen Wallace Student Center. For more information or to register, please call (334) 347-2623, ext. 3336.

have home-made meals in their freezer that can be on the table within 5 minutes of being fully defrosted, eat more meals a week as a family, eliminate fat, cholesterol, sodium and keep flavor in their cooking.

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Re-Elect Mike McKee to District 3 Elba City Council

He will continue his work for a better Elba.

NASCO Equipment Co. would like to thank Dist. 3 Councilman Mike McKee for the extra time and concern he put into making sure that NASCO got all the paperwork needed and completed for the relocation to Hwy. 84 West. With this move we will be able to rebuild old buildings and build new ones to not only make this site look better but to also expand our business to hire another 18 employees which Elba and NASCO each need. Thanks again Mike for your work and dedication to this community.

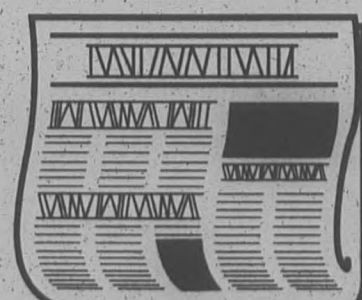
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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELBA DEDICATED THEIR NEW FELLOWSHIP BUILDING on Sunday, July 27, 2008. Shown in photo from left to right are the Building Committee members: Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor; Committee Chair Jason Windham; Laymon Tindol; Johnny Powell; Joe Windham; Barse Danford; and Rena Donaldson Simmons.

Federal government aid programs can help pay for college

Federal government aid programs can help pay for college. The federal government sponsors numerous financial aid programs that can help students and their parents pay for college expenses. Here are capsule views about some of the more common federal grant and loan programs. Grants don't have to be repaid, but loans do.

• **Academic Competitiveness Grants** provide up to \$750 for college freshmen and \$1300 for college sophomores. Sophomores must have at least a 3.0 GPA to qualify.

• **Federal Pell Grants** provide up to \$4,731 per year for undergraduate students.

• **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants** provide up to \$4,000 per year for undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need.

• **Federal PLUS Loans** Parents of dependent undergraduate students may qualify for PLUS Loans. The amount available depends on how much other financial aid the student receives. Graduate students can receive PLUS Loans if they have exhausted all their Stafford Loan eligibility.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to apply for all of these

programs. People seeking a PLUS Loan must also submit a separate application. Students interested in Stafford and PLUS Loans and parents interested in PLUS Loans should be smart consumers. Lenders may charge different fees and have different repayment incentives. Picking the right lender can save students and parents thousands of dollars in fee and interest payments.

The Alabama College Loan Program provides interest-free Stafford and PLUS Loans to qualifying Alabama teachers, nurses, National Guard members and Guard members' spouses and dependents. For more information, visit www.alstudentaid.com.

For more information about financial aid and college planning, visit www.alabama.edu or write to: KHEAA-Alabama, 100 North Union Street, Suite 390, Montgomery, AL 36104; or call 334-265-9720, toll free (800) 721-9720.

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Back-to-School Means Backpack Safety

Backpacks help kids carry schoolbooks and supplies, but they can also be harmful when overloaded and/or improperly fitted. Wearing backpacks improperly or ones that are too heavy put children at increased risk for musculoskeletal injuries. Injuries occur when children use faulty postures - such as arching the back, bending forward, twisting, or leaning to one side - when they're trying to manage a heavily loaded backpack. These faulty postures can cause improper spinal alignment, which hampers the functioning of spinal discs that provide shock absorption. Overloaded backpacks also place an extra burden on muscles and soft tissues, causing fatigue and strain that increases the risk of neck, shoulder and back injuries.

Backpack Safety Tips:

• Use both straps in order to better distribute the weight of the backpack and to promote a well-aligned, symmetrical posture. Using one strap means that one side of the body has to bear most of the weight of the backpack.

• Be careful when putting on and removing backpacks. Keep the trunk of the body stable and avoid excessive twisting.

• The backpack should be positioned evenly in the middle of the back, near the wearer's center of gravity. The backpack should not extend below the lower back. Adjust the shoulder straps so that the child is able to put on and remove the backpack without difficulty. While the straps should not be too loose, they should be adjusted to permit free movement of the arms.

• Keep the load at 10 percent to 15 percent or less of the child's bodyweight. Children should carry only items they require for the day. The heaviest items in the backpack should be positioned closest to the back.

Encourage children to be active, in order to promote better muscle strength and flexibility, which makes it easier to carry a backpack.

**** Tip of the Week ****

Praise the effort - Kids need praise, but the right kind is important. Praise their hard work, not their smart.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOE

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sales taxes, alcohol tax, licenses, mobile home tax, gasoline tax and about \$20,000

comes from the volunteer utility donations (\$5.00 monthly check off). Property taxes make up \$360,000 of this amount

white county and city sales taxes furnish some \$300,000 a year. Elba gets 9.8% of the countywide sales tax.

Another chart reviewed by Rials and the board showed the five-year track of teacher units and built-in (required) expenses associated with these units.

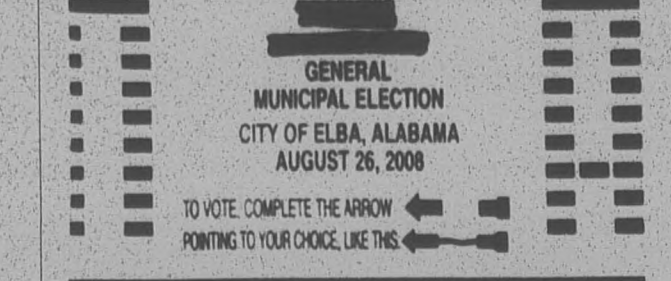
Teacher units dropped from 62.23 to 57.14, but salaries, retirement and insurance increased. Locally funded units must receive the same pay and benefits as state and federally funded units.

This last chart also showed Elba has lost a total of 111 students since 2005.

The board accepted the resignation of Kevin Kelley as bus driver. They also agreed to hire John Lawrence to replace Kelley. Lawrence has been serving as a substitute driver.

Superintendent Danny Weeks presented board members with a list of coaching responsibilities in the school system.

Cheerleading is L. Rials with



Lisa Rials, financial officer for Elba City Schools, discusses funding for teacher units with board members during last Tuesday's meeting.

Sample Ballot for Elba's Municipal Election

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CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA
AUGUST 26, 2008

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	TOM G. HOOKS	←
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SPORTS

VIEWS FROM...

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

It was time to buy books last week for the Mularz girls and both called Dad to "borrow" a little money until their grant checks could arrive and their scholarship funds are put in their accounts. I had put a little back to help with their expenses, but with one book costing almost \$150 it won't take long for those funds to vanish and before long it may be me calling to "borrow" a little cash.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers will hit the field Friday night for their annual preseason game and this year the Tigers will host Wicksburg. The Panthers have made a lot of noise in recent years in the 2A ranks and have a solid program, and should give Elba all it can handle in the two quarters the starters are on the field. Coach Rials smiles every time he talks about this year's team and honestly can't wait for the season to begin. I'll admit he got me a little excited last week when we talked, and I am also ready for the season to kick off and to see the Tigers in action. I hope all Elba Tiger fans come out Friday night to get a preview of this year's team and let the players and coaches know they have our support.

*** New Brockton, Kinston and Brantley will also take part in preseason action, while Zion Chapel will continue to work towards its season opener. The Gamecocks will travel to Florida to tangle with the Wildcats and shouldn't have much trouble handling the 1A Cats, while the Bulldogs from Coffee County will travel to Samson and will have a battle on their hands from the much-improved Tigers and the Bulldogs from Greene County will make the long ride down to Sweet Water to battle the defending state champs and Maplesville. Fans from Brantley and Kinston should get a good idea of what kind of teams they have, while my guess is that New Brockton will make it look easy.

*** The high school volleyball season starts today (Thursday) for all area teams and once again it looks like an exciting season for the coaches, players and fans. A look at a couple of area schedules revealed that Elba will play in 13 matches and no tournaments, while Zion Chapel will play in 15 matches and no tournaments and Kinston will play in 19 matches and 4 tournaments. One fact that jumped out at me was that while Elba will field only two teams (JV and Varsity), Zion Chapel will field three teams (Jr., JV and Varsity) and Kinston will field four teams (7th grade, Jr., JV and Varsity). Players have to learn the fundamentals when they are young, and it looks like for some reason the youngsters in Elba aren't taking part.

*** The college football standings came out last week and as always the SEC is the dominant conference in the nation with four teams in the Top 10. Georgia leads the way atop the preseason poll, while Florida, LSU and Auburn are also in the top ten, followed by four other teams in the Top 25. One thing that caught my eye was the fact neither Michigan nor Florida State made the Top 25. Both programs have been among the best in the nation for decades, but apparently the sportswriters are convinced the programs are no longer among the nation's elite. I guess only time will tell.

*** In closing... Dr. Billy Farris and I talk quite a bit, and last week he asked me if I had heard anything about a new mouthpiece that can actually improve the performance of athletes in all sports. I got on the internet when he called and discovered there was indeed a new mouthpiece on the market that could help an athlete's performance by properly aligning the jaw and taking pressure off the jaw and moving it to the body. I read about the improvements made by professional athletes in all sports, and while I will admit much of the science of the device was beyond my knowledge, it made sense. Dr. Farris stopped by the office one day and after explaining what the mouthpiece did, used a pen to demonstrate its benefits. He used a recreation department employee to demonstrate, and first had the employee put his arms straight out and Billy then easily pushed down the man's arms. After placing a pen in the employee's mouth and having him align his jaw, he couldn't move the employee's arms at all. It has something to do with transferring energy originating in the brain from the jaw to the rest of the body. There is only one dentist in the state working with the new procedure and he has a practice in Decatur, but other dentists across the nation are actively using the procedure and I am convinced it can indeed improve an athlete's performance. Just go on line and look for performance enhancing mouthpieces (PPM). The mouthpieces are expensive, but the article will amaze you as it did me.

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Elba to host Wicksburg in preseason clash



Elba Tiger assistant coach Mickey Jacobs works with linemen during a recent practice. The Tigers will hit the field Friday night at 7:00 for a preseason clash with the Wicksburg Panthers. The game will be held at Tiger Stadium.

regular season game," said Rials. "On offense we will not try to hide anything and I believe we will use our entire offensive package, while over on defense we will get after Wicksburg and will play hard to win on the scoreboard. We open up against Opp next week and we have played them the past two seasons. So, they know what we do and we know what they do. I don't think it will help the Opp coaches to get the chance to see us play before they line

up against us."

"On offense we have some very talented skill players and will obviously try to get the ball into their hands," added Rials. "We have two freshman quarterbacks that will have to learn as they go, but Michael Lindsey scored 15 touchdowns last season as a running back and receiver as an eighth grader and knows what high school football is all about, while Gumar McCollough has all the tools to be a solid high school quarterback and only needs game experience. I know they are both young and inexperienced at the position, but they are both good athletes and I am not as concerned about two young quarterbacks as are the fans. We also have to replace two linemen, but have some big young

players that can do the job, and I feel we will be solid up front. We have a number of very good running backs and receivers, and may be quicker than we have been in years. We did lose quite a few starters on defense, but have a group that is very fast and very aggressive. Our linebackers and defensive backs can get to the ball in a hurry and up front we have some size that should be able to hold its own. From top to bottom this is the fastest team we have had since I have been here and I am looking forward to Friday night and to the start of the regular season."

Friday night's scrimmage against Wicksburg will kickoff at 7 PM on Mack Wood Field at Tiger Stadium.



Kinston D.Y.B. Stars place second

The Kinston Dixie Youth 11-12 year old All-Star Team recently won the Coffee County Dixie Youth Major Tournament and participated in the District 9 All-Star tournament held in Greenville. Kinston finished as the runner-up in the District 9 All-Star tournament after being defeated by Greenville in the championship game. Kinston made their way to the championship game by defeating Brundidge (13-0), New Brockton (11-0) and Luverne (2-0). Players on the team would like to thank their family and fans for supporting them and driving to Greenville each night. Kneeling (L to R): Ben Nelson, T.J. Glass, Luke Taylor, Ashley Kelley, Grayson Sessions, Cory Lashley, Standing (L to R): Patrick Smith, Tucker Whigham, Clay Moss, Devan Henderson, Avery Henaway, Lane Clark; Coaches: Gary Glass, Jonathan Lashley, Darren Smith.



Zion Chapel cheerleaders win honors

On July 19th, the 2008-09 Zion Chapel Varsity Cheerleaders traveled to Auburn University and spent four days at UCA Cheer Camp. The day of the competition, the cheerleaders took second place in Home Pom and Camp Champ Cheer. Captain Ciara Smith also made UCA All-Star. Andrea Maness is the Rebel Cheerleader sponsor. Above, the 2008-09 Zion Chapel Varsity Cheerleaders include: (front row, left to right) Cheyenne Nelson, Faith Keitchum, Ciara Smith, Kirsten Collins and Lindsey Amstrong; (back row, left to right) Heather Hines, Ali Childs, Kayla Hurd, Shelby Boswell and Paige Gibson.

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SPORTS

Area football teams prepare for preseason games and openers

The high school football season will kickoff next week for teams all across the state, and locally a number of teams will hit the field a week early to give fans a preview of what they can expect.



Kinston's Coach Sam Dean watches as linemen work on fundamentals at practice. The Bulldogs will travel to Samson Friday night for a preseason contest.



New Brockton Gamecock receiver waits for a pass at a recent practice. The Gamecocks will travel to Florida Friday night for a preseason game.



Zion Chapel Rebel receiver leaps high for a pass during a recent practice. The Rebels will open the season next week at home against New Brockton.

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New Brockton Gamecocks

New Brockton football coach Jim Bob Striplin was on campus only two weeks back in the spring, but has been with his team throughout the summer and has players and fans excited about a return to the winning ways of the past. The Gamecocks entered fall workouts with an emphasis on defense, and in recent days has turned their attention to special teams.

"Special teams are a priority," said Coach Striplin in a recent interview. "We want to be sound in the kicking game." Kyle Koehler is expected to handle both the punting and place-kicking duties for New Brockton, while speedster Chris Green should give the Gamecocks a true threat at the kick return position. Others grabbing a lot of attention in summer practice have been quarterback Hunter Cauley and tight-end Justin Griswold.

The Gamecocks will travel to Florida Friday night for a preseason contest against the Florida Wildcats.

Zion Chapel Rebels
Zion Chapel football coach Thomas Boswell returns to lead the Rebels and even though numbers are down at the Rebel camp, hopes are high that Zion Chapel will compete for a playoff berth in its first season in the 2A ranks.

"We know that in 2A we will face good teams every time we hit the field," said Coach Boswell in a recent interview, "but we played in possibly the top 1A region in the state and know what it's like to face very good competition. We are a little short on numbers and inexperience. However, the players we have are willing to work hard and will represent the school and the team well every time they hit the field."

Kinston Bulldogs
Kinston football coach Sam Dean will return for his second season at the Bulldog helm and is convinced his team will compete for a spot in the playoffs.

"We are in a very tough region and know that Brantley, Arton and McKenzie always have very good teams," said Dean in a recent interview.

"Professionalism is also solid, but we feel if we play up to our capabilities we have a real shot at making the top four in the region and making it to the playoffs. We have some players that have worked hard to get better and have some leadership on the field that will pay dividends. I expect Kinston to be much improved this season."

Kinston will travel to Samson Friday night in a preseason contest.

Brantley Bulldogs
Brantley football coach David Lowery has enjoyed nothing but success in his tenure at the Bulldog helm, but this season could find the competition a little tougher than in years past in the region and many believe it could be the year Brantley actually loses a region contest.

Both Arton and Providence Christian were ranked in the top ten in the state in Class 1A and both are in the Bulldogs' region, while Geneva County has moved into the region from the 2A ranks and should be a team to watch, as will be McKenzie and possibly Pleasant Home.

The Bulldogs will be heavy favorites to continue their dominance in region play, but much of the "fear factor" may be gone and for the first time in years any region coaches are actually looking forward to the challenge of lining up against the perennial 1A power.

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Tigers



Rebels



Volleyball



Bulldogs



Gamecocks



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CLASS 1A, AREA 2

Kinston, Pleasant Home

CLASS 1A, AREA 3

Arton, Providence Christian

CLASS 2A, AREA 2

Elba, Cottonwood, New Brockton, Samson

CLASS 2A, AREA 3

Barbour County, G.W. Long, Houston Acad

CLASS 2A, AREA 5

Zion Chapel, Highland Home, Goshen

CLASS 3A, AREA 2

Daleville, Geneva, Wicksburg

CLASS 3A, AREA 3

Central Hayneville, Luverne, Pike County, Straughn

CLASS 3A, AREA 4

Abbeville, Dale County, Headland

CLASS 4A, AREA 2

Ashford, Brewbaker, Opp, St. James

CLASS 4A, AREA 3

Andalusia, Clarke County, Thomasville

CLASS 5A, AREA 3

Carroll, Charles Henderson, Eufaula, Rehobeth

CLASS 6A, AREA 5

Enterprise, Dothan, Northview

Hunting and fishing licenses will go on sale August 27 in state

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announces that fishing and hunting licenses for the 2008-2009 seasons will go on sale Wednesday, August 27, 2008. The license year starts annually on September 1, but this year that day falls on a holiday, Labor Day. Because many people will be fishing during the busy holiday, anglers won't

have to interrupt their weekend activities to purchase their new annual license.

A resident annual freshwater fishing license costs \$12; resident annual saltwater fishing licenses are \$29. All recreational annual licenses, regardless of the date purchased, will expire August 31, 2009.

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